GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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MINING WORK IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have permitted to start the mining work in the closed coal mines in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether some closed coal mines in the state are still pending approval of the Union Government for its revival;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded to them coalmine-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Coal had intimated to the Government of Bihar that Coal IndiaLimited have no objection to the following nine mines/patches in the command area of Central Coalfields Limited being leased out to the Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation (BSMDC), an undertaking of Government of Bihar:-

(i) Jagaldaga

(ii) Jainti Central

(iii) Jainti Khas

(iv) Jainti Jain

(v) Villards

(vi) Villards (P) Ltd I

(vii) Villards (P) Ltd II

(viii) Belgara
(ix) Sadampur

The lease of Jagaldaga mines has been surrendered to Government of Bihar on 17.6.99whereas the leases of Jainti Central and Jainti Khas mines were surrendered on 26.6.2000. Prior approval of the Central Government to grant of mining lease under Section 5 (1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 has been conveyed in respect of Villardsmine also. Necessary action as per the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation)Act, 1957 in respect of the remaining mines/patches is yet to be taken by the BSMDC.

(e) Does not arise in view of the answer given to parts (a) to (d) of the question.